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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Strategic Warning Staff (U)

1. (S) This is my first progress report to you on the Strategic Warning Staff which, as you know, began operation 3 March. Hopefully we will soon be at full strength with ten analysts on the staff, two each from CIA, DIA and NSA and one each from Army, Navy, Air and State. I am especially pleased that State and Navy are considering participation, as they have not been represented in the NIC in recent years. Attached are the analyst job descriptions.
2. (S) We plan preparation of a Monthly Report to you, but intend simultaneous dissemination, at least initially, to the same addressees as received the old Watch Report. It will include substantive judgments as well as technical developments in the "big" strategic warning field. Essentially the report will consist of our own syntheses and interpretations, but contributions from the community will be solicited and an informal coordinating process will permit our insurance that major disagreements are surfaced and noted. We do intend, however, to avoid the least common denominator approach. I would hope that the USIB might find discussion of the report useful, particularly in those instances where we are able to project a bit into the future or discuss gaps in our knowledge of a given situation.
3. (S) We will also prepare Information Reports during the month when we think we can add a little more depth or perspective to the current reporting on matters of strategic warning interest. Additionally, we hope to do some digging on some of the key indicators and publish the findings as Research Reports.
4. (S) Most importantly we will be constantly on the lookout for material in the daily traffic that would cause us to issue a Strategic Warning Notice to you that the Soviet Union, the Warsaw Pact, the PRC or North Korea is considering military action by its armed forces beyond its borders, or is employing its military capabilities beyond its borders in ways that might threaten military confrontation with the U.S. We will be sensitive to their actual or threatened involvement in "little W" situations.

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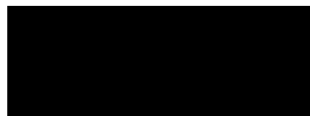
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5. (U) I discussed all of the above with Lieutenant General Wilson who made several valuable suggestions but was in general agreement with our intended actions.

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7 Enclosures a/s

Colonel, USAF  
Director for Intelligence

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